

STAFF SERGEANT HEREFORD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant Keith Hereford, United States Army for his service to our country.

Staff Sergeant Hereford served in the United States Army and Army Air Corps from November 1943 to November 1945. During his service as B-17 aerial gunner, he served a year of duty with 1st Division, 8th Air Force, 305th Bomb Group, and 365th Bomb Squadron in Chelveston, England.

During Staff Sergeant Hereford's ninth mission his aircraft was shot down over Holland where he was captured after successfully parachuting to the ground. He was subsequently sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft 4, in Gross Tychow (Prussia). The camp was liberated by the British forces on May 2, 1945, and in November 1945, he separated from active duty.

Staff Sergeant Hereford's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. After his service, Staff Sergeant Hereford started his own plumbing company and successfully raised his four daughters as a single parent after his wife passed away in 1962.

Through his courageous service, Staff Sergeant Hereford charted the path for future generations to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Staff Sergeant Hereford for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING DEBBIE FRAZIER

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debbie Frazier on winning the Michael Brown Memorial Faces of the Community Award. Ms. Frazier is an outstanding member of our community, and I am proud to represent her in Florida's 22nd District.

This distinguished award recognizes community members who have dedicated themselves to grassroots organizations that promote LGBT pride, diversity, and awareness. Debbie is a prolific advocate and leader, and her long list of credentials illustrates her passion for public service and promoting LGBT equality.

In 2010, Ms. Frazier founded the Straight and Gay Alliance in Wellington, Florida. Debbie also led a county-wide effort to 'Get Out the Vote,' which included a social media photo campaign. Currently, she serves as the President of the Alliance for Social Justice, a grassroots outreach program designed to empower young adults to become the leaders of tomorrow. When she is not doing community

outreach, she works as the executive regional director of the GLBT Democratic Caucus.

In honor of her award, I am proud to recognize Debbie Frazier and thank her for her tireless advocacy and work for our community.

REMEMBERING EMANUEL AME

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, nine extraordinary men and women were killed at the Wednesday night Bible study at historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in my birthplace of Charleston. I am grateful for their memories.

Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lee Lance, Reverend Daniel Simmons, Reverend Depayne Middleton-Doctor, along with Pastor Clementa Pinckney were all leaders of our community and in their church. One served the youth as a high school track coach, one a lifelong librarian, one a recent college graduate with a bright future ahead of him. Many served their church. Each had a clear love of God and love for their fellow man as followers of Jesus Christ.

The loss of Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney has been personal, as he was a fellow State legislator. I was honored to host the senator, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, Eliana and Malana, when they visited the Capitol a few years ago. He grew up in Ridgeland as a lifelong friend of my former chief of staff Eric Dell.

A hate-filled, drug-crazed murderer tried to divide our citizens, but he failed, and South Carolinians have unified in love, prayer, and respect.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,648,277,344.06. We've added \$7,525,771,228,430.98 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month. Cur-

rently, 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's and it is projected that the number will increase to a staggering 16 million by 2050. In my home state of Florida, an estimated 480,000 people are living with the debilitating disease.

Alzheimer's is devastating for patients and their families and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Early this year, I had the opportunity to speak with a representative from the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association about priorities related to research and care planning. I want to give a special thanks to the local chapter I am honored to represent in Miami Dade and Monroe Counties for providing patient services like a 24 hour dementia specific helpline.

Today, Alzheimer's cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed, but there are many things we can do as lawmakers to support patients and their families. I look forward to working with my colleagues to help move towards eradicating this terrible disease.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESSEX TROOP

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Essex Troop for their dedicated service as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary.

The Essex Troop was established at a meeting on June 3, 1890, with the goal of creating a cavalry troop. For one hundred and twenty-five years the troop has been working hard to serve the military needs of the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

At the founding meeting, officers were elected to lead the newly established troop. Colonel James E. Fleming, Second Lieutenant R. Wayne Parker, First Sergeant Charles Heath, Quartermaster Sergeant Frederick B. Young, and First Lieutenant Frederick Frelinghuysen were elected. The troop was originally composed of forty members including the officers. Colonel Fleming immediately began training the troops to protect and defend the state and the nation.

Originally, the Essex Troop operated out of a privately owned armory. By 1903, however, the Troop outgrew this facility. It was then the Troop moved into its current location. The Armory, which was designed by a member of the Essex Troop, sits on 30 acres of land in West Orange and was furnished entirely by the Troopers themselves. It was here that they became renowned for their equestrian abilities, regularly hosting horse shows and polo matches that eventually gained national attention. The Troop also hosted a number of balls here over the years. This Armory is still in use today, and is where the members of the Essex Troop keep their traditions alive.

The Essex troop has responded to several riots and natural disasters that have occurred in New Jersey as well as other states throughout the nation. They have participated in many events and ceremonies, including parades, escort services, marches, and statue dedications.

On June 18, 1902 the troop reported for active duty in response to the textile strikes in